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the implement business, removing to Durant in 1874. He also engaged in real estate business and was financially interested in and a director of several banks. He served as school director, councilman, mayor, and representative, being elected to the latter position in 1924, and serving in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Republican. September 2, 1934, he and his wife, who was Miss Minnie Feldhahn of Durant, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

FRANCIS MARION LAIRD was born on a farm five miles south of Tabor, Iowa, in 1855, and died in Tabor December 3, 1934. His parents were Johnston and Mary Laird, pioneer settlers of Fremont County. He followed farming in his early life, and although retired and living in Tabor, he continued until his death to own the farm on which he was born. He was secretary of the local school board, was a trustee of Tabor College, a member of the town council, and was elected representative from Fremont County in 1903, serving in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Congregational church.

MILTON REMLEY was born in Lewisburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), October 12, 1844, and died in Iowa City, Iowa, March 17, 1930. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City. He came with his parents to a farm in Johnson County, Iowa, in 1855. He was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the State University of Iowa in 1867, and the degree of A. M. in 1872. He began the practice of law at Anamosa in 1868, and in 1872 his brother, Howard Marshall Remley, joined with him as a partner, but in 1874 he removed to Iowa City where he continued in practice until a few years before his death. In 1894 he was elected attorney general and was twice re-elected, serving six years, 1895-1901. He ranked among the abler men who in the history of the state, occupied that important position.

OTTO STARZINGER was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882, and died in the same city March 12, 1935. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines. He was graduated from East Des Moines High School in 1899 and from Iowa State College, Ames, in 1903. For a few years he was employed by the General Electric Company, and the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Electric Company, but in 1908 returned to Des Moines and assumed the management of the Northwestern Hotel in East Des Moines which he continued to do until his death. For years he was interested in raising prize stock. In 1916 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

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